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Sir:

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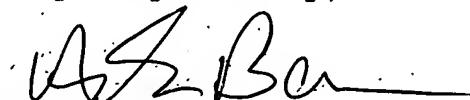
Stantighian shows elastic cord adjuster comprising a ring which can be slid up or down on the cord to adjust the cord.

Zemitis shows a shroud when extened all the way out it restrains the elastic cord.

Leavenworth shows an adjuster which utilizes a clamping element, frame and spring to use as a clamping means.

None of the references shows a hook adjuster with a hook, bight, or leg used for adjusting an elastic cord as recited in claims 1.

Very respectfully,

  
Arlen Bauer

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